

ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 12 , 2004

Charlottesville Virginia

ATTENDEES: Jack Wood, Sharon Koehler, Brian Parrish, Beverly Ball, James Martinez, Mary Kay Johnson, Mary McQuown, Allison Hymes

- 1. Reviewed Minutes**
 - a. Minutes approved as submitted**
- 2. Announcement of Ann Benner as new VOCAL program Director**
 - a. Discussion of Vocal structure and programs**
 - b. Discussion of MHA and CELT**
 - c. Discussion of On Our Own**
- 3. Real Choices Grant: Sharon Koehler**
 - a. Discussion of three main goals of the grant**
 - 1. Assuring VA Mental Health system transformation and restructuring are based upon self-determination, recovery, and empowerment.**
 - 2. Aligning VA existing community mental health Rehabilitative Services (CMHRS), new Medicaid Services, and Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) with evidence based practices of Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Illness management and recovery, and supported employment.**
 - 3. Maximizing opportunities for peer specialists and consumer operated programs to provide Virginias existing and evolving implementation of evidence based practices. This could include new Adult peer support Medicaid services.**
 - b. Question of scope of grant being to ambitious. A response is required to the Feds regarding potential narrowing of focus.**
 - c. Discussion of required submissions and process. What role would the Adult Services Committee play in management of the grant. A half time staff person would need to be hired for coordination of grant activities.**
- 4. Nominating process for Officers**
 - a. We discussed the use of either a nominating committee or an online solicitation of individuals interested as serving as officers who would submit their names for consideration at the full meeting in December. If additional members wish to be considered at the December meeting**

this was also considered acceptable. This would be coordinated with Ray Bridge, President, prior to any decision being made.

Current Nominations are as follows:

**President: Ray Bridge
Mary McQuown**

**Vice President Adult Services
Jack Wood**

Vice President Children's Services

Secretary

- 4. Committee Compositions: We discussed the need to have a minimum of 4 members on all standing committees. We felt it was impractical to place this responsibility on one or two individuals when we have such a large membership.**
- 5. Discussion of by-laws: We discussed the need to review and revise the current by-laws as soon as practical. We felt that many of the operational questions that continue to be asked regarding membership, voting, officers, and other items could be addressed during this process.**